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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about nuclear weapons. Since their only use nonproliferation has been an imperative and the greatest recent concern has been around Iran and North Korea, two countries having very little official engagement with the US. Both have proceeded with nuclear development but painstaking negotiation by knowledgeable diplomatic professionals and expert inspectors have significantly slowed the process. The biggest failures have been scrapping of imperfect negotiated frameworks by political hacks such as Mr Bolton's ending of the agreed framework during the Bush administration. The past two years have been far worse. You have eliminated or circumvented many of the State Department experts, handed favors to Mr Kim in response to the progress of his nuclear program and taken the worst approach imaginable toward Iran. At this point there is significant threat of war and both countries are rapidly headed toward a nuclear capability able to strike the US.

Please assure me that you will fire Mr Bolton and Secretary Pompeo and defer nuclear diplomacy to experts.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our diplomatic power.

Sincerely, Eric Babson